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1. IN TALK WITH GENERAL VIOLA THIS MORNING I INFORMED HIM MISSION WAS PROPOSED FOR MAY 24, IT WOULD BE LED BY UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM, WHO WOULD HOPE TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT VIDELA.

2. VIOLA SAID 24TH ACCEPTABLE, AND HE ASSUMED PRESIDENT WOULD RECEIVE UNDER SECRETARY, BUT NATURALLY WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH PRESIDENT. HE WOULD GET BACK TO ME LATER TODAY TO CONFIRM. HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE TENTATIVE LIST OF ARGENTINE PARTICIPANTS AND TIMING FOR MEETINGS.

3. I SAID THE UNDER SECRETARYS TRIP WOULD INCLUDE BOLIVIA AND COLOMBIA, AND WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AS AN ORIENTATION TRIP. VIOLA ENDORSED THIS APPROACH, AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE APPROPRIATE VISIT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES, WILL SEND A NOTE FRIDAY MAY 19 REQUESTING

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A CALL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY BY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MORNING OF MAY 24.

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4. CONFIRMATION OF VIDELA MEETING AND TENTATIVE
SCHEDULE WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL WHEN VIOLA GETS BACK TO
ME.
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